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order

Definition 1

A request from a client to a broker to buy (buy order) or sell (sell order) a specified amount of a particular security or commodity at a specific price or at the market price.

Definition 2

More generally, a request to purchase products or services.

See Also

market order, market not held order, market if touched order, market on close order, limit order, no limit order, limit-on-close order, stop order, do not reduce, alternative order, buy stop order, stop-limit order, contingent order, day order, discretionary order, firm order, front-ending an order, off-floor order, on-floor order, scale order, split order, significant order, credit order, money order, standing order, contingency order

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offer

Definition 1

The lowest price that any investor or dealer has declared that he/she will sell a given security or commodity for. For over-the-counter stocks, the offer is the best quoted price at which a Market Maker is willing to sell a stock. For mutual funds, the offer is the net asset value plus any sales charges. also called asked price or asking price or offering price or ask.

Definition 2

To express a desire to enter into an arrangement or contract with another party.

See Also

tender offer, creeping tender offer, premium raid, London Inter-Bank Offer Rate, prospectus, trial offer, ultimatum

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bid

Definition 1

The highest price any buyer is willing to pay for a given security at a given time; also called bid price. Quoted bid is a maximum price that a market maker will pay for a security.

Definition 2

An offer of a specific amount of money in exchange for products and services, as in an auction.

Definition 3

In some cases, this term also refers to the maximum that an acquiring company is willing to pay for a takeover target.

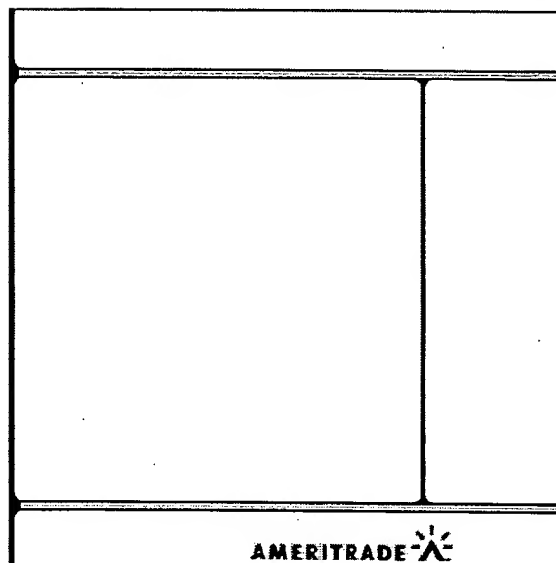
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